

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of**

Ulrich Karl Klostermann, et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/690,538

**Group Art Unit:** 1725

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**Examiner:** Samuel M. Heinrich

**For:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FAST AND LOCAL ANNEAL OF  
ANTIFERROMAGNETIC (AF) EXCHANGE-BIASED MAGNETIC STACKS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.